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1. AT OUR JULY 31 MEETING AT THE MFA, VICE FOREIGN MINISTER SPASOWSKI TOLD ME THAT, IN RESPONSE TO OUR REQUEST, THE POLES HAD DISCUSSED THE PROBLEM OF ICCS FINANCING WITH PHAM VAN DONG DURING THE LATTER'S RECENT VISIT TO POLAND. SINCE THEN POLAND HAS BEEN INFORMED BY HANOI THAT THE DRV AND PRG HAD MADE PAYMENTS OF \$390,000 EACH TOWARD THE END OF JULY, ON THE 26TH OR 27TH. SPASOWSKI SAID HE DID NOT KNOW HOW INSTRUMENTAL POLAND'S INITIATIVE WITH PHAM VAN DONG HAD BEEN IN GETTING THE DRV AND PRG TO MAKE THESE PAYMENTS. THE IMPORTANT THING, HE THOUGHT, WAS THAT THEY HAD BEEN MADE.

2. I THANKED SPASOWSKI FOR THIS WELCOME INFORMATION AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT ADDITIONAL FUNDS WOULD BE FOUND TO ENABLE THE ICCS TO MAINTAIN ITS OPERATIONS. I ADDED
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THAT WE WOULD CONTINUE TO WORK ON THIS PROBLEM.

3. IN THIS CONNECTION, I REFERRED TO THE BUTTERFIELD JULY 30 ARTICLE IN THE NEW YORK TIMES ON ACCUMULATED DEBTS OF THE ICCS, WHICH I TERMED UNFORTUNATE, AND SAID I WISHED TO PRESENT SPASOWSKI WITH A COPY OF THE VERBATIM TEXT OF THE ARTICLE AS IT HAD BEEN SENT TO US. SPASOWSKI SAID HE HAD ALREADY SEEN THE ARTICLE AND COMMENTED THAT THE REFERENCE TO THE \$30,000 FOR THE RENT OF POLISH CHIEF DELEGATE'S VILLA WAS UNTRUE. HE CHARACTERIZED THE ENTIRE ARTICLE AS LARGELY FICTION, BUT DID NOT SEEM OVERLY CONCERNED ABOUT IT.

4. IN RESPONSE TO MY ASKING WHETHER HE COULD TELL ME ANYTHING ELSE THAT CAME OUT OF THE VISIT OF PHAM VAN DONG, SPASOWSKI SAID THAT THE MAIN SUBJECT HAD BEEN BILATERAL RELATIONS AND THE QUESTION OF THE NEEDS OF NORTH VIETNAM AFTER THE DEVASTATION OF THE WAR. THE ICCS WAS ALSO DISCUSSED AND THE POLES NOTED THAT AFTER 20 YEARS THEY WERE A LITTLE TIRED OF THEIR ROLE AS PEACE-KEEPERS. I SAID I ASSUMED FROM THE COMMUNIQUE THAT POLAND WOULD NEVERTHELESS CONTINUE TO SERVE ON THE COMMISSION. SPASOWSKI CONFIRMED THIS, BUT SAID POLAND WOULD HAVE TO THINK ABOUT THE FUTURE OF THE COMMISSION. ONE THING WAS CERTAIN AND THAT WAS THAT POLAND MUST NOT DO ANYTHING WHICH WOULD MAKE THINGS MORE DIFFICULT IN VIETNAM, A POINT HE EMPHASIZED TWICE LATER ON.

5. SPASOWSKI POINTED OUT THAT WITH THE DEPARTURE OF CANADA FROM THE COMMISSION QUITE A NEW SITUATION EXISTS. ACCORDING TO THE PARIS AGREEMENT, THE COMMISSION SHOULD CONSIST OF FOUR MEMBERS, NOT THREE. HE WISHED TO KNOW IF I COULD TELL HIM ANYTHING ABOUT A REPLACEMENT FOR CANADA. I TOLD HIM THAT, AS HE KNEW FROM OUR EARLIER CONVERSATIONS ON THIS SUBJECT AND FROM OTHER SOURCES, WE WERE LOOKING FOR A REPLACEMENT FOR CANADA BUT I DID NOT YET KNOW WHO THAT WOULD BE.

6. I CONCLUDED OUR DISCUSSION ON VIETNAM BY COMMENTING THAT I WAS ENCOURAGED BY HIS STATEMENT THAT THE POLISH GOVERNMENT HAD DECIDED NOT TO DO ANYTHING TO MAKE THE CONFIDENTIAL

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SITUATION WORSE. SPASOWSKI EMPHATICALLY AGREED, NOTING THAT THE SITUATION IS ALREADY QUITE BAD ENOUGH.

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